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Newsletter

July 2008

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

National Night Out! August 5, 2008

Get to know your neighbors, meet local law enforcement, and strengthen your communities. Join us for the **25th Annual National Night Out** (NNO) on Tuesday August 5th at the Enclave Apartments located at 11215 Oak Leaf Dr # 103 in Silver Spring. The event is sponsored by the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, Montgomery County Police Department, Enclave Apartments, and other supporting partners.

NNO seeks to raise awareness of and support for crime and drug prevention programs while sending a message that neighborhoods are fighting back. It is also a perfect opportunity to get to know your neighbors. The event will feature finger printing for children, bicycle registration, crafts, open swimming, free food, music and much more for families to enjoy. Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet and talk with local law enforcement officers. *All residents in East County are invited to join the party! Remember, when neighbors know each other, they say no to crime, drugs, and violence.*



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- East County Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Information
- The Peoples Community Wellness Center



OFFICIALLY: THE PRAISNER CENTER AND THE PRAISNER LIBRARY

More than 200 people gathered on **June 7** in Burtonsville to dedicate the adjoining library and recreation center on Old Columbia Pike as the Marilyn J. Praisner Recreation Center and the Marilyn J. Praisner Library. Mrs. Praisner represented District 4—the Eastern portion of the County—for 17 years until her passing on Feb. 1. County Executive Isiah Leggett originally proposed the renaming of the facilities.

Anise Key Brown, Director, Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center served as the

mistress of the ceremony. The other participants included Monsignor Kazista, Saint John The Baptist Catholic Church; Donald E. Praisner and Family; Isiah Leggett, County Executive; County Council President Mike Knapp; Councilmember Nancy Floreen; Councilmember George Leventhal; Councilmember Duchy Trachtenberg; Councilmember Marc Elrich; Director of the Department of Recreation Gabriel Alborno; Director of the Department of Library Parker Hamilton; Elizabeth "Betsy" Matthews, Friends of the Library; Eugene Neal, Retired Program Manager, Department of Recreation. The musical tribute was performed by Christina Ngo and Sundi Myint, Paint Branch High School.

Special thanks to everyone for their assistance in the success of the event.

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.....

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Recreation Department held its second Public Forum on Thursday, June 18, to solicit comments and input from residents regarding its plans to construct a Community Recreation Center on Angel Lane in White Oak. Representatives from Grimm+Parker Architects were on hand to explain the current schematic design and the layout on the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning property which will be used for this project. This recreation center is planned be the first of the newly adopted 33,000 square foot prototype design for county recreation centers, which will make this the largest center when completed. Resident concerns expressed in the first public forum were presented, including a skate ramp and jump area, play areas closer to the community and no lighting of exterior facilities. Along with the approximately 30 people in attendance were Councilman Don Praisner and a representative from Councilman Marc Erlich's office who expressed their support for this project.

Burtonsville Community Legacy Plan Takes Shape—On June 19, an overflow crowd of over 60 people streamed into the Media Center of Burtonsville Elementary School to participate in a working charette on the best plan for revitalizing the Burtonsville central business district. Planners from the consulting firms of Basile Baumann Prost Cole and Associates, along with Rhodeside and Harwell presented several alternatives developed from information collected at a similar meeting held on May 29. Local residents were eager to take advantage of this opportunity to be a part of the planning process. *"While there will always be a divergence of opinions, it is wonderful to get this level of interest and to sort through the various ideas,"* said Kim Bobola, Chairperson of the East County Citizens Advisory Board. **The next of these community meetings will be scheduled sometime in August**, so that Burtonsville will meet the eligibility guidelines for applying to receive grant funds for the implementation of all or some of the recommendations.



Screening, Discussion & Reception of "Iron Ladies of Liberia" held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center—

On June 19, Anise Key Brown, Director of the Center hosted the movie screening & discussion of "Iron Ladies of Liberia". Over 50 residents attended the program that began at 5:30 pm at the Center. Iron Ladies of Liberia, is an hour documentary about the President of Liberia, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, notably, the first female President in Africa. *The documentary is an inspiring story of the triumph of democracy, leadership and strength in a country that was ravaged by conflict for over 15 years.*



Stephena Jackson & family, TPCWC. A native of Liberia.

On the panel of discussion were **Claudia Anyaso**, Director, Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Bureau of African Affairs; **Edwin F. Sele**, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Liberia; and **Louis Manzel**, Director, Office of Regional and Security Affairs (Former Deputy Chief of Mission, Liberia). Catering services were provided by Dor-Zon Catering Services, who specialize in Liberian, African, Caribbean and American Cuisine. *Sponsored by the Dept. of State & the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, the event was free and open to public.*



Dry Skies, Smooth Jazz and Great Musicians! - The 2nd Annual East County Jazz Festival on 27-28 June was the highlight of weekend activities in East County. The venue provided a cultural music event with the added benefit of raising funds, to continue to improve the operation of The People's Community Wellness Center(TPCWC) as a Free Clinic. While the rain clouds and thunderstorms were threatening, the parking lot remained dry and the festival was delayed for only 30 minutes on Saturday night. **Spur of the Moment and the Jonathan Davis Project** provided smooth jazz on *Friday night* and the blend of evening air and soft breezes provided a romantic and relaxing atmosphere. On *Saturday*, the classy voice of **Ms Lovenia Nesmith and her band** provided a vivid reflection of great artists of the past, and then the **Marcus Johnson Project** thrilled the audience with his own style of recorded jazz and the latest hits from his CD release, *The Phoenix*. *TPCWC and the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center would like to thank its patrons, vendors and sponsors who supported the event, especially the Washington Adventist Hospital.*



Linkages to Learning

YMCA Youth and Family Services

Greencastle Elementary School and Banneker Middle School



Happy Summer: Please welcome their new Site Coordinator/Case Manager, Ms. *Ebony Davis*, as well as their new Mental Health Therapist, Ms. *Patricia Doherty*. Their offices will remain open throughout the summer. Please contact them regarding summer office hours.

Services : Linkages to Learning provides ongoing case management and mental health services to families at Greencastle and Banneker. If you or someone you know is experiencing financial, emotional, or social issues, please contact them at 301-572-7001 (G) or 301- 476-7672 (B).

Summer Activities 2008 Calendar

July, 2008

7/25 6:30-7:30 pm

Family Art and Craft Night at
East County Recreation Center,
3310 Gateshead Manor Way,
Silver Spring MD 20904

August, 2008

8/6 4 pm -6 pm

Family Picnic at
Wheaton Regional Park
2000 Shorefield Rd,
Silver Spring MD 20902

Greencastle Elementary School
13611 Robey Road,
Silver Spring, MD 20904
(301) 572-7001 / Fax (301) 572-7002

Banneker Middle School
14800 Perrywood Drive
Burtonsville, MD 20866
(301) 476-7672 / Fax (301) 476-7660

Please RSVP for activities with Ebony Davis.

Activities are for Greencastle and Banneker Middle School families

Civic and Homeowner Associations – The Planning Board's Community Relations Office is updating the extensive civic and homeowners association database, and you can help by calling 301-495-4600 anytime with the current president's name, address and phone number

Development Review Information Counter Announces New Hours - Due to budget constraints, hours at the Public Information counter at Park and Planning Headquarters, will be reduced. **The new hours are 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, effective July 1.** The public information counter provides property information, sells master plans and other documents, and processes payments for purchasing mailing labels of civic and homeowner associations.

Do you have a solar photovoltaic system on your home or building?

Residents will earn 1 cent, and businesses and organizations will earn 1.5 cents for every kilowatt-hour (kWh) of clean energy produced. A typical 2KW system in Montgomery County will produce about 2,500 kWh a year. Your reward will be \$25. This reward will not pay for your summer vacation, but it is a little "thank you" from the County for producing your own electricity and reducing your greenhouse gas emissions. Once the forms are complete and approved your information will remain on file at DEP and you will automatically be eligible to receive rewards each year. For the application forms, go to <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/deptmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/CERpages/generators.asp>.

Submit on-site generator forms by July 7, 2008 for electricity generated July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Montgomery College Youth Summer Programs

Montgomery College Youth Programs is offering over 200 exciting courses/camps in its Summer Youth Programs for students in grades K-12 from June 16 – August 15, who want to do something really different during the summer. For more information contact youth Programs at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917 or visit <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/youth>

Repairs Underway on Talbot Avenue Bridge in Silver Spring; Work Expected to be Complete by September - After a routine inspection found loose deck boards on May 28, the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) closed the Talbot Avenue bridge that runs over the CSX railroad tracks between Hanover Street and Lanier Drive in the Silver Spring/ Brookville area to vehicle traffic. Because the timbers needed to repair the bridge are an unusual size, they must be specially ordered. Once the timbers are received, DPWT will need about two weeks to complete repairs. All work on the bridge should be completed by September. Meanwhile, drivers are being detoured to either Brookville Road or 16th Street. The bridge will remain open to pedestrians and bicyclists, except during times when construction requires full closure. For more information, contact DPWT Hotline at 240-777-7165.

Fairland Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, Maryland 20866 Tel 240-773-9460. **To review the Fairland Library upcoming events and other learning programs**

go to Calendar of Events at:

<http://host.evanced.info/montgomerycountymd/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&dt=dr&ds=2008-3-31&de=2008-9-30&df=list&cn=0&private=0&lib=5>

White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland 20904 Tel 240-773-9555

For details, review the **White Oak Library -Calendar of Events** at:

<http://host.evanced.info/montgomerycountymd/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&dt=dr&ds=2008-3-31&de=2008-9-30&df=list&cn=0&private=0&lib=20>



Employment Counseling- The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, in cooperation with the Montgomery Works Career Development Center, provides employment counseling the third **Thursday of each month from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. The next date for this is July 17.** For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 240-777-8400



Meeting and conference room space is available at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center. *To reserve space, call the CUPF agency at #(240) 777-2706*

Montgomery County Police
3rd Dist. Police - Silver Spring
801 Sligo Avenue,
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Tel #(301) 565-7740



The Peoples' Community
Wellness Center at EMRSC

A Cooperative Venture between the People's Community Wellness Center (TPCWC), Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center (EMRSC) & Mobile Med.

For questions, call TPCWC at (301) 847-1172

East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)

Guests are invited to attend the East County Citizens Advisory Board meetings and encouraged to ask questions & provide comments.

Our next ECCAB meeting will be held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center on

Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at 7:15pm

For questions please contact : Tel (240) 777-8400 / TTY (240) 777-8418

Meetings are open to the Public!

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FREE Compost Bins

available at EMRSC
 Call 240-777-8400
 M-F 8:30 am -5:00 pm



***Montgomery County's recycling program is changing: Effective July 1, 2008, Montgomery County residents receiving County provided recycling collection services will be able to recycle additional types of plastics. For more information call the Division of Solid Waste Services at 240-777-6410 or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling